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MIDLAND COUNTY

This listing for Midland County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Voluntary Action Center of Midland County

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland County, Inc.

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www.bbbsmidlandmi.org

Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland County serves boys and girls between the ages of six and 12 from primarily single parent families. Children are matched with caring volunteers who act as mentors. Once matched, a child may remain with the program until they turn 18 or graduate from high school. BBBS also provides referral services, camp, counseling, and school-based programs. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a one year commitment—one school year for school-based programs—which involves meeting with their mentee two or three times a month for varying lengths of time. Depending upon the program, mentors and mentees can meet during morning, afternoon, evening, or weekend hours.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

Tony Fama
Maria Madeline Project, Inc.
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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these "adoptive grandparent" relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

William Milzarski 320 North Washington Square, Suite 250

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

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Dow College Opportunity Program

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www.wmfc.org

Program Description:

The Dow College Opportunity Program serves students from low-income families who have the potential and desire for college success. Students are from Bullock Creek, Coleman, Meridian and Shepherd High Schools. While in high school, students participate in group activities and travels that strengthen their academic and social skills, broaden their horizons, and increase their sense of community stewardship. Mentoring and other forms of assistance continue through college graduation. The program director is the sole mentor, but the program is governed by a volunteer board, and volunteers are helpful in many ways.